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1. (S/D) Imagery of Bologoye Tactical Surface-to-Surface Missile (SSM) Support Facility [] USSR, since early 1979 has revealed a major, steady increase in reserve storage of SCUD transporter-erector-launchers (TELs), SCUD resupply semitrailers, and other equipment. The Bologoye facility (Figure 1) is in the northern Moscow Military District and is probably a central/strategic reserve depot of the Soviet Ground Forces Main Rocket and Artillery Directorate (GRAU). The increase may indicate cessation of Soviet formation of second-generation/cadre SCUD brigades.

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2. (S/D) The depot has a large capacity in its warehouses and in open storage for equipment and spare parts for rocket and artillery troops armament. Prior to 1979, up to six SCUD A/B TELs-JSU* were usually observed in open storage. Beginning in the spring of 1979, however, a major increase in the numbers of SCUD launchers and resupply semitrailers was seen. By [] 41 TELs and 14 semitrailers were in open storage (Figure 2).

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3. (S/D) A number of recent Soviet sources have reported the existence of second-generation/cadre SCUD brigades. Apparently, the brigades were formed as MAZ-543 wheeled launchers were introduced into active SCUD brigades, and the older SCUD tracked TELs were released. The procedure is exemplified by reporting on an SSM school and cadre SCUD brigade at Staryy Medved Army Barracks AL-1 [] in the Leningrad Military District. A Soviet¹ who served at the school in 1970 and 71 gave details of its organization and equipping with tracked launchers. Another Soviet² who served at the school in 1974 and 75 described an organization with a postal address identical to that of the first source but stated that the unit was equipped with MAZ-543 TELs. He also reported the collocation of a second-generation brigade, not mentioned by the first source, equipped with older launchers.

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4. (S/D) The increased allocation of older, tracked TELs to the strategic reserve at Bologoye may indicate that the creation process for second-generation SCUD brigades is complete. The Soviets have probably attained the number of brigades envisaged for their frontal and reserve force structure.

*TEL on a JSU tank chassis.

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